**SUNDAY PARKING**
The church parking lot is reserved for mobility-impaired individuals. All able-bodied members are asked to use the free parking available on Sundays in the Texas Trial Lawyer’s Association garage at the southwest corner of 13th and Lavaca Streets and at open meters around the church.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**
10:00-10:45 A.M.

**ADULTS**
Sunday School is the place where people learn about Christian faith in a loving, supportive environment. Our classes offer adults a wide selection of age groups, study topics, and learning styles. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/sundayschool.

**YOUTH**
Youth from 6th through 12th grades are invited to wake up with fellowship, study, and donuts! We gather in the Great Hall of the Family Life Center for music and announcements, then split into middle school and high school groups to awaken to God’s word. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/youth.

**CHILDREN**
For children ages 3 through 5th grade, we offer weekly guided Christian education, led by volunteer church members. Children are grouped by age and grade. Children’s classes are located on the first floor of the Education Building. Learn more at fumcaustin.org/children.

**ONLINE GIVING**
We offer two convenient ways to give online: (1) make an online donation at fumcaustin.org/giving and/or (2) text FUMCAUSTIN (all caps) to 73256 on your smartphone and follow the prompts. Once your number is registered, future gifts are easier to make.
GATHERING AS THE CHURCH
Asterisks (*) indicate an invitation to stand as you are able.

OPENING MUSIC

GREETING
All are invited to greet those around them and to fill out the Connections Card.

ENTERING THE HOLY
* CALL TO WORSHIP
This is the place where saints worship.
This is the place where sinners find hope.
This is the place where faith abounds.
This is the place where doubts are welcome.
This is the place where Christ meets us.
This is the place where the Spirit moves us.
Come worship the God who welcomes and transforms all!

* HYMN
Gather Us In
See Insert

OPENING PRAYER

MISSION EMPHASIS MOMENT
English as a Second (ESL) Ministry

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BLESSING

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION
Lord,
open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the Scriptures are read
and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.
Amen.

SCRIPTURE
John 20:19-29
New Testament, page 110

SERMON
Do I Really Have to Believe in Miracles, in the Bible and Now?

RESPONDING IN FAITH

INVITATION TO THE FAITH JOURNEY
Are you interested in joining FUMC? Prior to joining, we ask all to participate in a First Steps Class to learn about United Methodist beliefs and the ministry of FUMC, meet the pastors and other members, and ask questions. The next class is Sunday, September 8, at 12:15 p.m. in FLC Garrison Chapel. To sign up, fill out the Connections Card and place it in the offering plate, go online at fumcaustin.org/firststeps, or email Trevor Harper at trevor@fumcaustin.org.

FEASTING AT THE TABLE OF GRACE
* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

THE LORD’S PRAYER 895

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND CUP
We commune by intinction, i.e., by dipping the bread lightly into the cup. After you have communed, you may return directly to your seat or kneel at the rail for prayer and then return.

COMMUNION RAIL OFFERING
It is a United Methodist custom to receive a free will offering, over and above our regular giving, at the communion rail. Gifts left on the rail will go to our English as a Second (ESL) Ministry.

COMMUNION MUSIC
Hymn
All Who Hunger
See Insert

OFFERING
Let the Whole Creation Cry
George Elsey
Arr. Paul Spruill / Fred Bock

Let the whole creation cry,
“Glory to the Lord on high!”
Heaven and earth, awake and sing,
“Praise to our almighty King!”
Praise him, angels host above,
ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice;
night and stars in God rejoice.
Let all people, young and old,
raise the anthem loud and bold,
sing to God in joyful song;
praise and thanks to him belong.

Hymn
Gather Us In
See Insert

Present Day Building

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

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